



without increasing the burden on the Examiner, because a search directed to antibodies binding to CD40 would cover both mono-specific and bispecific antibodies. Applicants therefore respectfully request examination of both Species A and B in this application.

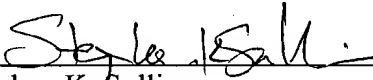
As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 21 is generic. Accordingly, Applicants submit that upon allowance of generic claim 21, all the remaining non-elected claims must be considered.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for species election be reconsidered and that all pending claims be examined together on the merits.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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